



Hunter Mill Highlights

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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

There was lots of Tysons action at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting. We discussed three separate items on our agenda that dealt with funding of transportation and transit improvements in and around Tysons. We heard public testimony on the creation of Tysons Transportation Service District which would provide the needed funds for the creation of streets and walkways. We also discussed the composition of an Advisory Board, which will provide input on the tax rate and priorities for projects funded by the service district. We discussed the establishment of two Tysons transportation funds to better manage transportation proffers. All three actions were deferred until our next meeting on January 8, 2013. This will give the Board the opportunity to continue to refine these proposals.

Your contributions of new, unwrapped toys, games and books are now being collected at the police stations throughout Fairfax County for distribution to children at hospitals and through local charities. On Tuesday, December 11th our Fairfax County Police motorcycle squad joins with other municipal motorcycle police for Santa's Ride. This year, Santa's Ride will make stops at Vienna Elementary and Terraset Elementary Schools on their way to the Government Center. It is quite a sight.

If you haven't already, be sure to mark your calendar for the Hunter Mill Holiday Open House on Wednesday, December 12th, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the North County Governmental Center (12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston). I hope you will stop by and share a cup of cheer.

My staff and I extend our best wishes for a happy holiday and a prosperous New Year.

Cathy Hudgins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Community Forum for New School Superintendent Search: Fairfax County Public Schools invite residents to attend a community forum to discuss the leadership criteria for the next superintendent. Remaining session is on **Friday, Dec. 7**, at 1 p.m. – Gatehouse Administrative Center, 8115 Gatehouse Rd, Falls Church. In addition, you can participate via online survey. Details on the Superintendent Search and survey are available at www.fcps.edu.

Used Book Sale This Week at Reston Regional Library: Sale runs from Thursday, December 6 through Sunday December 9th. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Holiday Shopping and Community Expo: Saturday, December 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at George C. Marshall High School (7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church). The Expo hosts over 30 upscale vendors and exhibits selling items such as fine jewelry, handbags, holiday floral arrangements, wreaths, gift baskets, cosmetics, kitchen items, bath and body products and more. This is your one-stop holiday shop and sponsored by the Marshall HS Class of 2013.

The Working Together to Make a Measurable Difference community information session that was cancelled on October 29 has been rescheduled. The session will be on **Monday, December 10**, from 10:00 am to noon at the Reston Community Center ([directions](#)). Please note, this is a time of day change from the previously scheduled session – from evening to morning. This session will give members of the community (representing nonprofit and community-based organizations, businesses, faith-based organizations and houses of worship, public schools and higher education institutions, and human services boards, authorities, and commissions) an opportunity to discuss the following topics: affordable housing; connected individuals; economic self-sufficiency; healthy people; positive living for older adults and individuals with disabilities; and successful children and youth.

Toy Donations Needed by December 10th for the Fairfax County Police Departments motorcycle squad's program to collect and distribute toys for sick children as well as local charities. New, unwrapped toys, games or books can be dropped off at any Fairfax County Police station, or the Town of Vienna police station. Joining the motorcycle squad in this effort are the Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police, Fairfax City Police, Falls Church Sheriff's Office and Town of Vienna Police.

Route 7 Widening: Reston Avenue to Jarrett Valley Drive Comments Needed: On November 28, the Virginia Department of Transportation held a public information meeting regarding the Route 7 widening project between Reston Avenue and Jarrett Valley Drive. The project is slated to increase this section of Route 7 from four lanes to six lanes. Pedestrian and bicycle improvement are included in the project. The purpose of the meeting was to brief citizens and organizations on the project. Presently, there is only partial funding for a preliminary design and there is no construction funding. Information about the Route 7 widening project can be viewed at http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/route_7_widening_-_reston_ave_to_dtr.asp Comments about the project can be emailed to meeting_comments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include "Route 7 Widening –Reston Avenue to Jarrett Valley Drive" in the email subject line. If you have any questions about the project or the planning process, please feel free to contact the Hunter Mill District office at 703-478-0283.

Barnes and Noble Bookstore to Close in Reston: On December 5, 2012, [Reston Patch](#) ran an article indicating Reston Barnes & Noble, located in the Spectrum Center at Reston Town Center, is closing in early 2013. Reston Barnes & Noble has been a landmark in the Reston community and enjoyed by many over the years. While I appreciate the concern for the loss of Barnes & Noble in Reston, this is a private matter and is strictly the result of the contractual relationship between the owner of Spectrum and Barnes & Noble.

Below are excerpts from the **December 4, 2012 Board of Supervisors** meeting that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. For additional details, please go to the County's [Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#) section on the County's webpage. Some County links may not be active until later in the week.

PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized the **student volunteers from Emmanuel Lutheran, Vienna Presbyterian** (both of Vienna) and **Fairfax Presbyterian** faith organizations for their efforts to raise awareness of homelessness through the Fast Shacks program.

ACTION ITEMS

Action 1: Creation of a Tysons Transportation Service District Advisory Board. The Board deferred the decision on creating a Tysons Transportation Service District and Advisory Board until the next meeting on January 8, 2013. The Service District would generate revenue to fund a portion of the transportation and transit needs within Tysons over the next 40 years. An Advisory Board would provide input on the annual adjustment of the road fund rates which would go to pay for the local street network and transportation improvements. Supervisor Hudgins requested that an additional Hunter Mill representative be included to reflect the property owners in the Service District.

Action 7: Establishment of the “Tysons-Wide” and “Tysons Grid of Streets” Transportation Funds. Along with the previous Action (#1) on Tysons, the Board also deferred decision on establishing the two transportation funds. The funds support two different sets of transportation improvements to address the traffic impact of new developments. “Tysons-Wide” improvements are located within as well as outside Tysons, while the “Grid of Streets” is located entirely within Tysons.

BOARD MATTERS introduced by Supervisor Hudgins

John Horejsi, who recently received honors as one of the top 30 Social Justice Makers in Virginia, will be invited to the Board to receive recognition for his twenty-five years of leadership of Social Action Linking Together (SALT).

The Board will recognize the **Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce** on their 30th anniversary.

PUBLIC HEARINGS –

3:30 p.m. Public hearing on PRC C-203 (Fairfax County Public Schools- Terraset Elementary) to consider the PRC Plan associated with RZ C-203 to construct proposed building additions. The Board moved to defer until January 8, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m. Public hearing on the Proposed Creation of a Tysons Transportation Service District. The Board heard testimony from citizens and deferred a decision until January 8, 2013.

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